



# VIII.

## THE GALANDE PEACH.

The *Galande* and the *Bellegarde* are, by DU HAMEL, said to be the same Peach; but it is pretended that there are two sorts of *Galande*, or more. JOHNSON'S *Early Purple*, or the *Black Peach* of *Montreuill*, is so similar to the *Galande*, that it may, without impropriety, be called a variety of it; and so, indeed, may several of those Peaches to which the appellation of *Purples*\* is given. Tree of free growth, and a most excellent bearer. Bud projecting more than that of most other Peaches. Blossom rather small, though much larger than that of the *Bourdine*, or *Persique*; petals long, spoon-shaped, bright red, deeper coloured at the edges; filaments long. Leaf moderate size, of a deeper green than that of the *Noblesse*, slightly or bluntly serrated. Fruit roundish, rather more in breadth than in length; of a very beautiful dark red next the sun, with broad longitudinal short dark-coloured bars upon it; on the dark part the down looks like a kind of hoar-frost: a deep groove or furrow runs between the two hemispheres. Flesh whitish, with a tinge of very pale yellow, reddish at the stone; of a high flavoured vinous taste; less sweet, perhaps, than

\* Some nurserymen and gardeners have the *Galande Peach* under the appellation of *Violet Hative*. The impropriety of applying the term *Violet*, to Peaches, is clearly shewn in the Report of the Fruit Committee of the HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.